

AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

July 3, 2008

To the Township Board Custer Township Antrim County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of Custer Township for the year ended March 31, 2008. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

Auditors' Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of Custer Township in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those which the possibility of material error is remote.

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances,

makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient, competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at a reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financials are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Other Communications

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to: 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

Internal Control Matters

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

A **control deficiency** exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the ability to

initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency; or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the internal control. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider each of the following significant deficiencies to be a material weakness.

Segregation of Duties

A properly designed system of internal control segregates the accounting responsibilities from employees who have access to physical assets such as cash, investments and payroll, from authorization and approval of transactions and account reconciliations. The small size of the administrative staff precludes a complete segregation of duties resulting in more than a remote risk that material misstatements could occur and not be detected in the normal course.

Reporting Financial Data

The above definition of a significant deficiency includes any condition that adversely affects the ability to report financial data in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). As a matter of convenience, the Organization has always relied upon its auditors to prepare financial statements and related notes and supplemental schedules for external reporting in accordance with GAAP. As a consequence, the Organization has not developed the tools and resources necessary to enable its employees to prepare reports in conformity with GAAP in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. The Organization has committed the resources necessary to meet its internal reporting needs. In this regard, it is not unlike many other organizations of its size.

Summary

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and Management of Custer Township and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments, and would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Respectfully Yours,

Daniel S. Smith, CPA

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2008

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR ROBERT RICKSGERS

CLERK STACY SIMON

TREASURER RENEE ELDER

TRUSTEES

ROXANN FLAKE

JERRY ALLEN

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 26, 2008

To the Township Board Township of Custer

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Custer, Antrim County, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Londucted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Custer, Antrim County, Michigan as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages II - V and budgetary comparison information on pages 19 - 23, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Daniel S. Smith, CPÁ

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

This section of the Township of Custer's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Township's financial performance during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Township assets at March 31, 2008, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets, totaled approximately \$1,554,000 for governmental activities. Of the total Township assets, approximately \$98,000 represents capital assets net of depreciation.

Overall revenues were approximately \$865,000 (\$15,000 from program revenues and \$850,000 from general revenues). Overall expenses approximated \$610,000.

The Township did not incur any new debt instruments during the year. Long-term debt and capital asset activity is addressed further in a subsequent section of this letter.

The registered voter count is now 906.

The taxable value of the Township for the 2007 tax year was \$100,218,286, up from \$95,237,617 in 2006.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts, management's discussion & analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two different kinds of statements that present different views of the Township.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements and provide both long and short-term information about our overall financial status. These statements present the governmental activities of the Township. The Township does not engage in any business-type activities.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements, which focus on individual parts of the Township in more detail.

The notes to the financial statements explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Required supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statement information with budgetary comparisons.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods used by private companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the entity's assets and liabilities. The Statement of Activities records all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report net assets and how they have changed. Net assets are the difference between the Township's assets and liabilities; this is one method to measure the Township's financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in an entity's net assets is an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating.

To assess overall health of an entity, you may also have to consider additional factors such as tax base changes, facility conditions, and personnel changes.

All of the activities of the Township are reported as governmental activities.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's funds, focusing on significant (major) funds, not the Township as a whole. Funds are used to account for specific activities or funding sources. Some funds are required by law or bond covenants. The Township Board also may create them. Funds are established to account for funding and spending of specific financial resources and to show proper expenditure of those resources.

The Township has the following types of funds:

Governmental Funds: All of the Township's activities are included in the governmental fund category. These funds are presented on the modified accrual basis, which is designed to show short-term financial information. You will note that the differences between the Township's government-wide statements and the fund statements are disclosed in reconciling statements to explain the differences between them.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Net Assets: The Township's combined net assets increased approximately \$254,765 during the year ended March 31, 2008 totaling \$1,480,208.

The increase is mainly due to conservative fiscal monitoring by the board over virtually all expenditures.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

Governmental Funds: The fund balances for governmental funds increased approximately \$248,425. This increase is slightly lower than the "net assets" increase because the debt service principal payments (\$10,000) are recorded as an expenditure in the general fund statement, while the interest portion only is deducted in the statement of activities. Additionally, capital expenditures (\$0) are depreciated over their estimated lives in the statement of activities.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

General Fund: This fund is used to record all activities of the Township not required to be recorded in a separate fund. This would primarily include township administration, assessing, ambulance, fire, and water services, trash pickup, road repair/construction, and the costs to operate the township hall. The major sources of revenue for the general fund are from the Township tax base and the revenue sharing from the State of Michigan. The major expenses for this fiscal year included: salaries, insurance, repairs and maintenance, along with trash, ambulance, and water services.

Fire Fund: The Fire Fund is used to account for all activities related to fire protection services. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes and totaled \$192,156. Fire expenditures totaled \$183,618. All fire services are under contract with the Mancelona, Bellaire, and South Torch Lake Fire Departments.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

Capital Assets: There were no additions to the Township's capital assets.

Long-Term Debt: The Township collects a special assessment to service the debt incurred to improve roads in the Swiss Village East area. The debt was reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000 over the past year.

KNOWN FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATIONS

None known.

CONTACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, creditors, investors and customers with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the revenues it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report please contact one of the following Township officials.

Robert Ricksgers, Supervisor	
Stacy Simon, Clerk	
Renee Elder Treasurer	

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets:		
Cash [*]	\$	995,235
Cash - Restricted		14,921
Certificates of Deposit		355,510
Due from County		75,739
Due from Other Funds		14,603
Total Current Assets		1,456,008
Capital Assets:		
Capital Assets		153,840
Less, Accumulated Depreciation		(55,357)
Total Capital Assets		98,483
Total Assets		1,554,491
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Due to the Water Authority	\$	18,375
Due to the Ambulance Authority	т.	5,908
Bonds Payable - Current Portion		10,000
Total Current Liabilities		34,283
Long-Term Liabilities:		_
Bonds Payable		40,000
Total Liabilities	•	74,283
NET ASSETS		
Investment in Capital Assets		98,483
Net Assets, Unrestricted		1,366,804
Net Assets, Restricted		14,921
Total Net Assets	\$	1,480,208

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

S NET (EXPENSE)	IN NET ASSETS O GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	(93,956) (183,618) 4,517 (124,302) (84,094) (24,198) (64,228) (5,669) (12,621) (2,938) (3,660)	- (594,767)	685,762 68,172 34,406 57,015 3,718 459	849,532	254,765	1,225,443	\$ 1480.208
ENUE	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRI- BUTIONS	₩			;			
MREV	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRI- BUTIONS	8. 4	4,517					
PROGRA	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	7,158	10,698	ES enues in. Fee	renues		- Beginning of Year	Year
	EXPENSES	\$ (101,114) \$ (183,618) (124,302) (84,094) (24,198) (64,228) (9,209) (12,621) (2,938) (3,660)	(609,982)	GENERAL REVENUES Property Taxes State Shared Revenues Property Tax Admin. Fee Interest Royalties Miscellaneous	Total General Revenues	Change In Net Assets	Net Assets - Beginn	Net Assets - End of Year
		GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES: Township Administration Fire Protection Road Repair/Construction Water Services Trash Pickup Assessing Ambulance Service Buildings and Grounds Cemetery Interest Expense Unallocated Depreciation						

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2008

MAJOR FUNDS

	(GENERAL	FIRE		TOTAL
ASSETS Cash Cash - Special Assessment Certificates of Deposit Due from County - Delinquent Taxes Due from Other Funds	\$	976,588 14,921 355,510 56,409 14,603	\$ 18,647 - - 19,330 -	\$	995,235 14,921 355,510 75,739 14,603
Total Assets		1,418,031	37,977		1,456,008
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities: Accounts Payable Due to the Water Authority Due to the Ambulance Authority Total Liabilities		18,375 5,908 24,283	- - - -	_	18,375 5,908 24,283
Fund Equity: Fund Balance - Unrestricted Fund Balance - Restricted Total Fund Balance	\$ 	1,378,827 14,921 1,393,748	\$ 37,977 - 37,977	\$	1,416,804 14,921 1,431,725
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	1,418,031	\$ 37,977	\$	1,456,008

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2006

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES PER STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - PAGE 1	\$ 1,480,208
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the funds	 (50,000)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not used in the funds	98,483
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets (Page 1) are different because:	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES PER BALANCE SHEET - PAGE 3	\$ 1,431,725

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

MAJOR FUNDS

		GENERAL	 FIRE	 TOTAL
REVENUES			 	
Taxes and Assessments	\$	493,985	\$ 191,777	\$ 685,762
State Shared Revenue		72,689	-	72,689
Charges for Services		41,564	-	41,564
Interest		56,636	379	57,015
Royalties		3,718	-	3,718
Rent/Other		3,999	 ***	 3,999
Total Revenues		672,591	192,156	864,747
EXPENDITURES				
General Government		355,538	-	355,538
Debt Service		12,938	-	12,938
Public Safety:				
Ambulance Services		64,228	-	64,228
Fire Protection Services		-	 183,618	 183,618
Total Expenditures		432,704	183,618	616,322
Excess (Deficiency) of				
Revenues Over Expenditures		239,887	8,538	248,425
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		1,153,862	29,439	1,183,301
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$	1,393,749	\$ 37,977	\$ 1,431,726
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TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - PAGE 5	\$ 248,425
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (page 3) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives.	<u>.</u>
Depreciation expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities but not in the governmental fund financial statements.	(3,660)
Governmental funds do not report long-term debt; therefore, debt service payments are recorded as an expenditure. However, in the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt is recorded and debt service payments are applied against the	
outstanding balances.	 10,000
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES PER THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - PAGE 2	\$ 254,765

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUND MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash - Tax Account	\$ 14,603
LIABILITIES	
Due to Other Funds Due to Other Governmental Units	14,603
Total Liabilities	14,603
NET ASSETS Net Assets	\$ -

TOWNSHIP OF CUSTER STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

RECEIPTS: Property Taxes and Interest	\$ 3,647,419
DISBURSEMENTS: Property Tax and Interest Disbursements	3,647,419
Change in Fiduciary Net Assets	 -
Fiduciary Net Assets - Beginning of Year	_
Fiduciary Net Assets - End of Year	\$ -

NOTE A: ENTITY

The Township of Custer is a General Law Township of the State of Michigan located in Antrim County, Michigan. It operates under an elected board and provides service to its residents in many areas including community enrichment, public safety, and human services. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included. Based on these guidelines, there are no other entities which should be considered for inclusion in this report.

The various Fire Boards that provide fire protection services to the Township; the Bellaire Fire Department, Mancelona Fire Department and South Torch Lake Fire Department provide coverage to separate areas of the Township. The Township pays standby and/or fire run fees to these Departments. The Township has no oversight responsibilities for these various Fire Departments. All contractual costs associated with these services are included in the financial statements.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting principles and practices of the Township of Custer are discussed in subsequent sections of this Note. The remainder of the Notes are organized to provide explanations including required disclosures of the Township's financial activities.

The accounting policies of the Township of Custer conform to the generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

On April 1, 2003, the Township of Custer adopted the new governmental reporting model and implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments" and Statement No. 38 "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures".

Under the provisions of GASB Statements No. 34 and 38, the focus of the Township's financial statements has shifted from a fund focus to a government-wide focus.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. These statements report financial information for the Township as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes and Township general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers. At this time, the Township has no business-type activities.

The Statement of Activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with functional programs. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, fines and forfeitures, and other charges to users of the Township's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets and include fees to developers. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and other revenue sources not included as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns with composite columns for non-major funds. The measurement focus and basis of accounting for the government-wide and fund financial statements are described in a subsequent section of this note.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FUND TYPES AND MAJOR FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state revenue sharing, and other inter-governmental revenues.

Fire Fund – This fund is used to account for all financial transactions related to the Township's fire protection services. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes.

Other Funds

Fiduciary Funds - These funds are used to account for assets held in trust or as an agent for others. Tax collection activities are recorded in this category. Fiduciary activities are not reported in the government-wide financial statements, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Township are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Township applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they conflict with GASB pronouncements. The Township does not apply FASB pronouncements or APB opinions issued after November 30, 1989.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). However, internal eliminations do not include utility services provided to Township departments. Fiduciary fund financial statements also report using this same focus and basis of

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)

accounting although internal activity is not eliminated in these statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available.

Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual include: sales and use taxes, property taxes, franchise taxes (fees), intergovernmental revenues, and investment income. In general, other revenues are recognized when cash is received.

Property tax revenues are recognized as follows:

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes are levied on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 15; uncollected amounts are subsequently added to the county delinquent tax rolls. A county revolving fund normally pays the balance of the Township's tax levy by May 31 of each year. In accordance with GASB 33 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions", the Township records the property tax revenue when it becomes an enforceable legal claim for the Township. Therefore, all taxes levied on December 1, 2007, are recorded as revenue in the current year. The Township's taxable value for the 2007 tax year totaled \$100,218,286.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The tax rates for the year ended March 31, 2008, were as follows:

PURPOSE	RATE/ASSESSED VALUATION
General	0.9640 mills per \$1,000
Fire	2.1000 mills per \$1,000
Roads	0.9640 mills per \$1,000
Ambulance	0.6420 mills per \$1,000
Trash	1.0000 mills per \$1,000

BUDGET

Public Act 621 of 1978 as amended provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Township's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional and activity basis. The approved budgets of the Township for these budgetary funds were adopted on an activity level. Budgets as adopted end on March 31 of each year. There are no carryover budget items. During the year ended March 31, 2008, there were no over expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

The Township's property, plant, and equipment, with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. Donated assets are stated at fair value on the date donated. The Township generally capitalizes assets with historical cost of \$1,000 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Buildings	25 – 40
Improvements, other than buildings	10 – 20
Machinery and equipment	5 – 10
Vehicles	5 – 10
Infrastructure	20 - 40

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION (CONTINUED)

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated.

With respect to asset improvements, costs over \$1,000 should be capitalized if:

- 1. The estimated life of the asset is extended by more than 25%, or
- 2. The cost results in an increase in the capacity of the asset, or
- 3. The efficiency of the asset is increased by more than 10%, or
- 4. Significantly changes the character of the asset, or
- 5. In the case of streets and roads, if the work done impacts the "base" structure.
- 6. Other wise, the cost should be expensed as repair and maintenance.

For information describing capital assets, see Note E.

LONG-TERM DEBT, DEFERRED DEBT EXPENSE, AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond issuance costs, bond discounts or premiums, and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effect of interest method.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments and, as much, include amounts based on informed estimates and judgements of management with consideration given to materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash consists of bank accounts or securities with original maturities of 90 days or less.

NOTE C: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

All cash deposits are maintained in financial institutions in Northern Michigan. The Township's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township at fiscal year-end. The categories are described as follows:

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Township or by its agent in the Township's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Township's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized.

	BANK		CATEGORY	•	CARRYING
	BALANCE	1	2	3	<u>AMQUNT</u>
General Fund	\$ 995,428	\$ 100,000	s -	\$ 895,428	\$ 976,588
Fire Fund	<u>78,431</u>	<u>78,431</u>			<u> 18,647</u>
Total	<u>\$1,073,859</u>	<u>\$ 178,431</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 895,428	<u>\$ 995,235</u>
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 16,818</u>	<u>\$ - </u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,818</u>	<u>\$ 14,603</u>

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Township's **investments** are as follows:

- Category 1 Insured or securities held by the Township or the Township's agent in the Township's name.
- Category 2 Uninsured with securities held by the counter party's trust department or its agent in the Township's name.
- Category 3 Uninsured with securities held by the counter party's trust department or agent but not in the Township's name.

		CATEGORY	CARRYING	
	1	2	3_	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Fund	\$ 233,941	\$ 121,569	\$ -	\$ 355,510

NOTE D: <u>DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS</u>

Due From/To Other Funds represents \$14,603 collected in the current tax collection fund that had not been distributed at March 31, 2008, to the various funds as follows:

General Fund

\$ 14,603

NOTE E: CAPITAL ASSETS

	NOT DEPRECIATED	DEPREC	IATED	
		Building &		·
	Land	_Improvements_	Equipment	<u>Totals</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets				
Balance, April 1, 2007	\$ 20,724	\$ 115,767	\$ 17,349	\$ 153,840
Increases	-	<u>-</u>	-	-
Decreases	-	-	-	-
Balance, March 31, 2008	20,724	115,767	17,349	153,840
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance, April 1, 2007		41,232	10,465	51,697
Increases	-	2,895	765	3,660
Decreases	-			
Balance, March 31, 2008		44,127	11,230	55,357
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 20,724	\$ 71,640	\$ 6,119	\$ 98,483

NOTE F: LONG-TERM DEBT

As of March 31, 2008, the Township had the following long-term debt:

	Balance <u>4/01/07</u>	Additions	Balance <u>3/31/08</u>		
1999 Special Assessment Bond	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	\$	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	\$ 50,000	

The Special Assessment Bond proceeds were used to improve roads and paths in the "Schuss Mountain" area. The future years obligations are as follows:

1999 Special	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Assessment Bond 2009 2010	\$ 10,000 5,000	\$ 2,478 2,008	\$ 12,478 7,008	
2011 2012 2013 2014	10,000 10,000 10,000 <u>5,000</u>	1,768 1,278 778 262	11,768 11,278 10,778 <u>5,262</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,572</u>	<u>\$ 58,572</u>	

NOTE G: RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS

The Township has one special assessment for the improvement of roads/paths in the Schuss Mountain area. This revenue source is to be used for a "restricted" purpose, so if earned revenues are unexpended they are properly recorded as a "restricted fund balance". The restricted fund balance at March 31, 2008, was \$14,921.

NOTE H: PENSION PLAN

The Township of Custer adopted a defined contribution pension plan covering the Township board members on November 1, 1979. The plan was amended November 1, 1997.

A defined contribution pension plan provides benefits in return for services rendered, provides an individual account for each participant, and specifies how contributions to the individual's account are to be determined instead of specifying the amount of benefits the individual is to receive. Under the Township's defined contribution pension plan, the benefits a participant will receive depends on the amount contributed to the participant's account and the returns earned on investments of those contributions.

The Township Board members may enter the plan immediately and are eligible provided they are between the ages of 18 and 75. Contributions made by both the Township and participants vest immediately. The participant will receive benefits at age 65 or if later upon completion of 10 years of participation in the plan. The plan allows early retirement at age 55.

Contributions are made to the plan by the Township according to a scheduled amount annually. The participants may contribute up to an additional 5% of compensation.

The plan is maintained with Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. The total pension expense for the year was \$12,900 which meets the contribution requirements of the Township based upon compensation of \$65,040. No pension provision changes occurred during the year that affected the required contributions to be made by the Township or participants.

NOTE I: CONTINGENCIES

INSURANCE

The Township is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omission; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Township participates in the Michigan Township Participating plan, a self insured group. The pool is considered a public entity risk pool. The Township pays annual premiums to the pool for the respective insurance coverage. In the event a pool's total claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. The pool maintains reinsurance for claims for each occurrence with the overall maximum coverage varying depending on the specific type of coverage of reinsurance. The Township has not been informed of any special assessments being required. There were no significant changes in coverage.

MANCELONA AREA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

As a participating member of the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority, the Township is named as a party to the "bond financing" used to purchase the Schuss Mountain water supply system. The original amount of the bonds was \$2,770,000. The bonds are currently being paid back through a special assessment to property owners, as well as the general revenues of the Water Authority. If the Authority ever defaulted on bond payments, the Township may be held responsible to the bond holders.

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM FINAL AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes	\$ 194,000	\$ 194,000	\$ 190,669	\$ (3,331)
Property Taxes - Ambulance	64,000	64,000	64,228	228
Special Assessment - Trash	100,000	100,000	100,210	210
Special Assessment - SVEPOA	14,000	14,000	14,576	576
Special Assessment - Water	124,000	124,000	124,302	302
State Grants:	50.000	F0.000	07.075	47.075
State Shared Revenue	50,000	50,000	67,975	17,975
Swamp Tax	200	200	197	(3)
METRO Act Funding	4,000	4,000	4,517	517
Charges for Services: Property Tax Administration Fee	36,000	36,000	34,406	(4.504)
Summer Tax Reimb.	7,000	7,000	7,158	(1,594) 158
Interest	25,000	25,000	56,636	31,636
Royalties	1,000	1,000	3,718	·
Hall Rental	2,000	2,000	3,540	2,718 1,540
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	459	459
Miscellaneous				400
Total Revenues	621,200	621,200	672,591	51 ,391
EXPENDITURES: GENERAL GOVERNMENT Township Board:				
Salaries - Trustees	6,000	6,000	4,835	1,165
Payroll - Other	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Payroli Taxes	2,000	2,000	1,415	585
Pension Plan	17,000	17,000	12,900	4,100
Community Promotion	4,000	4,000	8,654	(4,654)
Insurance and Bonds	6,000	6,000	4,921	1,079
Professional Fees	12,000	12,000	3,500	8,500
Association Fees	1,800	1,800	1,576	224
Printing and Publishing	2,000	2,000	399	1,601
Street Lights	1,600	1,600	1,367	233
Misc./Contingency	41,800	41,800	115	41,685
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Township Board	101,200	101,200	39,682	61,518

		RIGINAL BUDGET	Αľ	FINAL MENDED SUDGET	Δ	CTUAL	FRC AN	RIANCE OM FINAL IENDED UDGET
Supervisor: Salary Salary - Deputy Communications District Meeting		8,640 1,000 50 60		8,640 1,000 50 60		8,640 900 50		100 - 60
Miscellaneous		290		290		27		263
Total Supervisor	\$	10,040	\$	10,040	\$	9,617	\$	423
Election:	\$	4 900	\$	4 000	\$	1 114	\$	686
Wages Election School	Φ	1,800 500	Ф	1,800 500	Φ	1,114 262	Ф	238
Supplies		100		100		123		(23)
Transportation		100		100		16		84
Printing		100		100				100
Total Election		2,600		2,600		1,515		1,085
Assessor:		40.500		40.500		40.500		
Salary Education and Training		19,560 1,200		19,560 1,200		19,560 1,380		(180)
Office Supplies & Postage		2,900		2,900		3,208		(308)
Communications		50		50		50		-
Transportation		500		500		-		500
Capital Outlay		4,000		4,000				4,000
Total Assessor	<u> </u>	28,210		28,210		24,198		4,012
Clerk:								
Salary - Clerk		14,400		14,400		14,400		400
Salary - Deputy Education and Training		1,000 700		1,000 700		900 631		100 69
Office Supplies & Postage		900		900		586		314
Transportation		400		400		56		344
Communications		50		50		50		_
Capital Outlay		2,000		2,000		945		1,055
Total Clerk		19,450		19,450		17,568		1,882

	_	RIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL MENDED BUDGET		ACTUAL	FR:	ARIANCE OM FINAL MENDED BUDGET
Board of Review: Salary - Board of Review Education and Training Transportation Office Supplies		1,800 500 100 125		1,800 500 100 125		1,620 280 -		180 220 100 125
Total Board of Review	\$	2,525	\$	2,525	\$	1,900	\$	625
Treasurer: Salary - Treasurer Salaries - Deputy/Clerical Office Supplies Postage Data Processing Communications Transportation Publication Education and Training Capital Outlay Total Treasurer	\$	19,800 1,500 2,000 3,500 5,000 50 200 100 1,500 2,000	\$	19,800 1,500 2,000 3,500 5,000 50 200 100 1,500 2,000	\$	19,800 1,100 649 2,813 5,239 50 91 - 1,090	\$	400 1,351 687 (239) 109 100 410 2,000
Buildings and Grounds: Utilities Repair and Maintenance Telephone Hall Rental Refunds Supplies Capital Outlay Land Improvements Total Buildings and Grounds		4,500 4,000 1,400 1,000 2,000 60,000 2,000 74,900		4,500 4,000 1,400 1,000 2,000 60,000 2,000 74,900		4,149 2,662 405 905 1,088 - - - 9,209		351 1,338 995 95 912 60,000 2,000 65,691
Cemetery: Repair and Maintenance/Labor Supplies Gas, Oil and Repair Grave Openings Capital Outlay Land Improvement Total Cemetery		6,000 1,200 1,000 1,000 2,000 10,000	 \$	6,000 1,200 1,000 1,000 2,000 10,000	-	5,170 730 532 1,559 4,630	\$	830 470 468 1,000 441 5,370
Capital Outlay	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$		\$	5.

		ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL AMENDED BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE FROM FINAL AMENDED BUDGET	
Parks	\$	3,200	\$	3,200	\$	-	\$	3,200	
Trash Pickup		100,000	_	100,000	_	84,094		15,906	
Roads		131,825	_	131,825	_			131,825	
Water Services		124,000		124,000		124,302		(302)	
Special Assessments: Debt Service - SVEPOA	_	14,000		14,000		12,938		1,062	
Total General Government		668,800		668,800	_	368,476		300,324	
PUBLIC SAFETY Ambulance Services	_	64,000		64,000	_	64,228		(228)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		732,800		732,800		432,704		300,096	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		(111,600)		(111,600)		239,887		351,487	
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		1,153,862		1,153,862		1,153,862		-	
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$	1,042,262	\$	1,042,262	\$	1,393,749	\$	351,487	

	ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL AMENDED BUDGET		 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM FINAL AMENDED BUDGET		
REVENUES Special Assessment Interest Income	\$	185,000 -	\$	185,000	\$ 191,777 379	\$	6,777 379	
Total Revenues		185,000		185,000	 192,156		7,156	
EXPENDITURES Fire Protection Services Miscellaneous Expense		185,000		185,000	183,618		1,382	
Total Expenditures		185,000		185,000	 183,618		1,382	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		-		-	 8,538		8,538	
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		19,624		19,624	 29,439		9,815	
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ ===	19,624	\$	19,624	\$ 37,977	\$	18,353	